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Docket No.: 50212-17

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Kaoru OKUNO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 1983
Serial No.: 09/734,205 : Group Art Unit: 2874
Filed: December 12, 2000 : Examiner: J. Hoffmann
For: OPTICAL FIBER MAKING METHOD AND OPTICAL FIBER MAKING APPARATUS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Petition for Extension of Time
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:


It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2004, now due to expire May 9, 2004, be extended for two month(s) and set to expire on July 9, 2004.

Please charge the extension fee of \$420.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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